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The Honorable Charles W. Turnbull
Governor of the Virgin Islands
Government House
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Dear Governor Turnbull:

This letter responds to the Commonwealth of the Virgin Islands' request for waivers of statutory and regulatory requirements under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). This action is taken under the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, subtitles B and E and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act. In the Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the two-year period, July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007, the Commonwealth submitted four waiver requests. In accordance with 20 CFR 661.420(e), the Department has requested additional information required for our determination that the waivers meet the standard for approval.

To date we have not received any information. We would be happy to review these requests once we receive completed waiver requests submitted according to 20 CFR 661.420(c).

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce investment outcomes. We are prepared to entertain other state and local level waiver requests that you may wish to submit, consistent with the provisions of the WIA statute and regulations.

Sincerely,

Emily Stover DeRocco

Enclosure